IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CRIMINAL WRIT PETITION NO.740 OF 2006

Tata Motors Ltd. .. Petitioner.
Vs.
Viral Syntex Ltd. & Ors. .. Respondents.

Ms.Revati Mohite-Dere for the petitioner.
Mr.S.V.Marwadi for respondent nos.1 to 3.
Mr.S.V.More A.P.P. for the State.

CORAM : D.B.BHOSALE, J.

DATED : 2ND AUGUST, 2006

P.C.:

. Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and respondent nos.1 to 3 and learned A.P.P. for the State.

2. The petitioner in this petition has made the following prayers :

> "(a) that this Hon'ble Court may be pleased to direct the Learned Metropolitan Magistrate, 14th Court, at Girgaon, Mumbai to Club all the Criminal Complaints pending before him being Criminal Case Nos.2154/S/2003, 646/SS/2004, 647/SS/2004, 649/SS/2004, 651/SS/2004 and 2314/SS/2005 filed by the Petitioner as against the Respondents for the offence under section 138 read with section 141 of the Negotiable Instruments Act, and the Learned Metropolitan Magistrate be directed to conduct a common cross examination in all the aforesaid 6 cases and all further hearing of the 6 cases till final decisions thereon as all the 6 criminal cases are arising out of same transaction and between the same parties.

(b) that Learned Metropolitan Magistrate, 14th Court, at Girgaon, Mumbai be directed to conduct the hearing of the aforesaid 6 criminal complaints expeditiously in time period of six months or within such period as the Hon'ble Court deems fit and proper in the interest of justice to do so".

3. The learned counsel for the parties have agreed for the following order and have fairly stated that I need not record the reasons for the same hence I pass the following order:

. The learned Metropolitan Magistrate, 14th Court at Girgaon shall club all the 6 cases mentioned in prayer clause (a) and hear them together. Insofar as cross examination is concerned, liberty to the accused to cross examine the witness in each of the cases one after another. The learned Magistrate shall dispose of all the 6 cases as expeditiously as possible and preferrably within a period of six months from the date of receipt of this order. The parties are directed to co-operate for the hearing and disposal of the cases within the time stipulated by this order.

. The writ petition is, accordingly, disposed of.

(D.B.Bhosale, J.)